

PROCLAMATION

Declaring June 19, 2021, Juneteenth Independence Day in Marysville

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest African American holiday that observes and commemorates the end of slavery for the Confederacy with the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation nearly two and a half years after it was issued; and

WHEREAS, also known as Black Independence Day, Jubilee, and Freedom Day, Juneteenth is a historic day of remembrance; and

WHEREAS, for many Blacks and African Americans, Juneteenth symbolizes what the Fourth of July does for all Americans – liberty, freedom and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an opportunity for us to reflect on the suffering caused by slavery, acknowledge the evils of hatred and discrimination, and commit to being allies of our Black and African American friends, family and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is especially significant as people in Marysville and communities throughout the nation are working to address racism and improve how we all work together with respect, support and camaraderie; and


NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021, as

JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY IN MARYSVILLE

and I invite Marysville residents to join me in decrying racism, supporting our neighbors, and celebrating African American history, culture and contributions.

Under my hand and seal this 4th day of June, 2021.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE



Jon Nehring, Mayor